

Merced County Association of Governments

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April 25, 2003

Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry

Subject: Formal Amendment No. 4.0 – 2002 Federal Transportation
Improvement (FTIP) Program

Mr. Aljabiry,

On February 20, 2003, the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) Governing Board approved Formal Amendment No. 4 to the 2002 Federal Transportation Improvement Program.

Formal Amendment No. 4 includes changes to an existing Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) project, as well as, the addition of a new transit CMAQ project increasing the headway frequency to thirty minutes on existing Merced County Transit – Merced City service routes 4 & 12.

PROJECT	LEAD AGENCY	CURRENT CMAQ FUNDS	CMAQ FUND CHANGE	JUSTIFICATION
30 minute headway on Merced City transit routes 4,12	Merced County Transit	0	\$163,000 NEW PROJECT	Required to meet unmet transit needs
Signalization Hwy 165 & Bloss	Caltrans/Merced County	\$103,500	\$70,000 additional	Additional funds Needed for const.

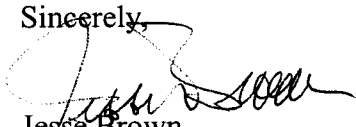
A Formal FTIP Amendment is required on the addition of new projects along with project scope changes that are greater than 20% of the total project cost. These projects do not trigger an air quality conformity analysis. The first project is an exempt mass transportation project. The signalization project at Highway 165 and Bloss is not a capacity increasing project and will not affect the outcome of any regional emissions analysis nor will it add substance to this analysis. Neither of these projects affects the

timely implementation of Transportation Control Measures (TCM). Financial constraints of the FTIP have not been impacted.

MCAG is requesting formal approval by Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on these two projects.

If additional information is needed, please contact Terri Lewis at (209) 723-3153 ext. 307 or by e-mail terri@mcag.cog.ca.us.

Sincerely,



Jesse Brown
Executive Director

cc:

Leigh Levine, Federal Highway Administration
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Enclosure:

CTIPS detail pages

Minute Order

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MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

EXCERPT FROM MINUTES, MEETING HELD:

February 20, 2003

RE: CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) SUBCOMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS/FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM (FTIP) AMENDMENT


Item 15. Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Subcommittee
Recommendations/Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
Amendment

Supervisor O'Banion moved to

- a. approve the 2003 CMAQ Subcommittee recommended project changes and roll over the CMAQ balance;
- b. direct staff to proceed with the FTIP administrative amendment #3 as listed above on the two existing CMAQ projects;
- c. approve FTIP formal amendment #4 as listed on the new transit project and the significant cost increase change with the Merced County/Caltrans signal at 165 & Bloss.

Seconded by Supervisor Crookham.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Jesse B. Brown, Executive Director
Merced County Association of Governments

**Merced County Association of Governments - Federal Transportation Improvement Program
(Dollars in Whole)**

Transit System

DIST: 10	COUNTY: Merced County	TITLE (DESCRIPTION):	MPO Aprv: / /
ROUTE: VAR	PM:	MCT -Merced City Routes 4 & 12 (Merced County Transit - Merced City Routes 4 & 12 increase headway to 30 minutes)	State Aprv: / /
PPNO:	KP:		Federal Aprv: / /
EA:	MPO ID: TJ015		
CTIPS ID: 205-0000-0099			
IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County		PRJ MGR: LARRY SHANKLAND	EPA TABLE II or III EXEMPT CATEGORY:
		PHONE: (209) 385-7601	Transit operating assistance.

PROJECT VERSION HISTORY (Printed Version is Shaded)					(Dollars in whole)							
Version	Status	Official Date	Updated By	Change Reason	Amend No.	Prog Con	Prog RW	PE				
1	Active	04/21/2003	TLEW/S	Amendment - New Project	4	182,000						
				PRIOR	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	BEYOND	TOTAL
				• Fund Source 1 of 2	PE							
				• Fund Type: Congestion Mitigation	RW							
					CON	163,000						163,000
				• Funding Agency: Merced County Association of Governments								
				TOTAL		163,000						163,000
				PRIOR	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	BEYOND	TOTAL
				• Fund Source 2 of 2	PE							
				• Fund Type: Local Transportation Funds	RW							
					CON	19,000						19,000
				• Funding Agency: Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County								
				TOTAL		19,000						19,000
				PRIOR	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	BEYOND	TOTAL
				Project Total	PE							
					RW							
					CON	182,000						182,000
				TOTAL		182,000						182,000

Comments:

***** Version 1 - 04/21/2003 *****

Merced County Transit to increase headway to 30 minutes on Merced City Routes 4 & 12 on 8/1/03.

Merced County Association of Governments - Federal Transportation Improvement Program

(Dollars in Whole)

Local Highway System

DIST: 10 COUNTY: Merced County
 ROUTE: 165 PM:
 PPNO: KP:
 EA: MPO ID: C0002
 CTIPS ID: 205-0000-0014

TITLE (DESCRIPTION):
 Signalization of 165 & Bloss (Signalization of 165 & Bloss
 Signalization of Highway 165 and Bloss Ave. intersection. Widen to
 accommodate left turn lanes.)

MPO Aprv: / /
 State Aprv: / /
 Federal Aprv: / /

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Merced County

PRJ MGR: STEVE HAMILTON

PHONE: (209) 209-3857

EPA TABLE II or III EXEMPT CATEGORY:
 Intersection signalization projects.

PROJECT VERSION HISTORY (Printed Version is Shaded)

Version	Status	Official Date	Updated By	Change Reason	Amend No.	Prog Con	Prog RW	PE
3	Active	04/21/2003	TLEWIS	Amendment - Cost/Scope/Sch. Change	4	193,000		15,000
2	Official	05/23/2002	TLEWIS	Adoption - Carry Over		103,000		15,000
1	Official	07/20/2000	BSPEARS	Adoption		102,800		14,000

				(Dollars in whole)								
				PRIOR	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	BEYOND	TOTAL
• Local FHWA - CMAQ - Local Agencies - CMAQ					13,000							13,000
• Fund Source 1 of 3				PE								
• Fund Type: Congestion Mitigation				RW								
				CON	161,000							161,000
• Funding Agency: Merced County Association of Governments												
TOTAL					174,000							174,000
• SHOPP - Safety - Signs and Lighting Rehabilitation				PRIOR	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	BEYOND	TOTAL
• Fund Source 2 of 3				PE	2,000							2,000
• Fund Type: State Cash				RW								
				CON	12,000							12,000
• Funding Agency: Caltrans												
TOTAL					14,000							14,000
				PRIOR	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	BEYOND	TOTAL
• Fund Source 3 of 3				PE								
• Fund Type: County Funds				RW								
				CON	20,000							20,000
• Funding Agency: Merced County												
TOTAL					20,000							20,000
Project Total				PRIOR	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	BEYOND	TOTAL
				PE	15,000							15,000
				RW								
				CON	193,000							193,000
				TOTAL	208,000							208,000

Comments:

Merced County requested an additional \$70,000 (\$103,500 + \$70,000 = \$173,500) for increased construction costs, CMAQ Submittal granted increase. Added Merced County Local Road Funds (\$20,000) that had not been included prior.

***** Version 3 - 04/21/2003 *****

***** Version 2 - 02/11/2002 *****

Other SHOPP funds will also be used

First CMAQ extension granted 1/02